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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG PFOR EC

SUBJECT: GOE - GULF DISPUTE

REF: QUITO 6737

1. DEPT CONVERSATIONS HERE WITH GULF OFFICIALS WERE INFORMAL AND EXPRESSLY WERE NOT INTENDED TO CONVEY USG POSITIONS BUT RATHER TO ADD HELPFUL DIMENSION TO GULF'S OWN CONSIDERATION OF HOW TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM IN ECUADOR.

2. DEPT HAS NOT CONTEMPLATED IDENTIFYING OR ASSOCIATING ITSELF WITH ANY SPECIFIC GULF PROPOSAL.YOUR REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD CERTAINLY BE GUIDED BY YOUR INSTINCTS AS TO TIMING. THEY SHOULD BE LARGELY LIMITED TO EXPRESSING TO GOE OUR DESIRE TO AVOID SERIOUS BILATERAL PROBLEM AND OUR  
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CORRESPONDING EARNEST HOPE THAT GOE (A) WILL AFFORD

FULL AND FAIR CONSIDERATION TO GULF PROPOSALS, WHICH HOPEFULLY MIGHT PERMIT USEFUL NEGOTIATION AND REDUCE POSSIBILITIES OF MUTUALLY UNDESIRABLE OUTCOME, AND (B) WILL APPROACH THE POSSIBILITY OF CADUCITY WITH CAUTION AND WITH RECOGNITION OF ADVANTAGES OF POSTPONING ANY APPLICATION OF IT. THERE IS, OF COURSE, NO OBJECTION TO YOUR

INDICATING AWARENESS OF GULF PROPOSAL'S FEATURES SO LONG AS YOU AVOID EXPLICIT ENDORSEMENT. IN YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY DRAW ATTENTION TO ELEMENTS OF IT WHICH YOU BELIEVE SHOULD PARTICULARLY INTEREST THE GOE, SUCH AS THE GULF OFFER TO CEASE EXPANDING SIZE OF THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT INTO WHICH WITHHELD FUNDS ARE BEING DEPOSITED.

3. ESCROW ACCOUNT SEEMS TO US ONE USEFUL DEVICE FOR ADVANCING CAUSE OF NEGOTIATION. WE ARE NOT WEDDED TO IT OR TO ANY OTHER SPECIFIC SUGGESTION AND WE RECOGNIZE PRACTICAL AND POLITICAL DIFFICULTY IT COULD POSE. ESCROW ACCOUNT CONCEPT SEEMS TO US ONE USEFUL AVENUE OF APPROACH, BUT DECISION ON THIS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF PROPOSAL ARE CLEARLY UP TO GULF.

4. IN RESPONSE PARA. 4 REFTTEL, WE PLAN CONTACT ORTIZ ALONG LINES OF FOREGOING. ROBINSON

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